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I, Robert L. Wheeler, of 823-A East Gulf Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, am a co-inventor; and I hereby state the following:

My date of birth is July 2, 1925.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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I, Walter Crowley, of 861 Shorecrest Drive, Oak Harbor, Washington, am a co-inventor; and I hereby state the following:

My date of birth is January 31, 1917.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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